

**Amendment to the Claims**

This listing will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims**

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently amended) The cosmetic composition of claim 1, wherein the substantially spherical particles are spherical.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Canceled)
5. (Canceled)
6. (Currently amended) The cosmetic composition of claim 1, wherein the substantially spherical particles are uniform in diameter.
7. (Currently amended) A cosmetic composition comprising:  
a crosslinked silicone elastomer;  
a plurality of inorganic, substantially spherical particles having a particle size range from about 1 micron to about 25 microns, the inorganic, substantially spherical particles being selected from the group consisting of silica, boron nitride, ~~Teflon, polyurethane powder~~, talc, mica, sericite, and mixtures thereof, and

a vehicle.

8. (Previously presented) The cosmetic composition of claim 7, wherein the particle size range is about 5 microns to about 20 microns.

9. (Previously presented) The cosmetic composition of claim 7, wherein the particle size range is about 8 microns to about 15 microns.

10. (Previously presented) The cosmetic composition of claim 28, wherein the particle size range is about 8 microns to about 10 microns.

11. (Previously presented) The cosmetic composition of claim 7, wherein the crosslinked silicone elastomer is present in an amount from about 0.01 wt.% to about 10 wt.% of the total weight of the composition.

12. (Previously presented) The cosmetic composition of claim 7, wherein the substantially spherical particles are present in an amount from about 0.01 wt.% to about 10 wt.% of the total weight of the composition.

13. (Previously presented) The cosmetic composition of claim 7, wherein the substantially spherical particles are present in an amount from about 0.5 wt.% to about 5 wt.% of the total weight of the composition.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously presented) The cosmetic composition of claim 7, wherein the crosslinked silicone elastomer is selected from the group consisting of: dimethicone crosspolymer; organopolysiloxane; polysilicone-11; and dimethicone/vinyl dimethicone crosspolymer; and mixtures thereof.

16. (Previously presented) The cosmetic composition of claim 7, further comprising a secondary component selected from the group consisting of:

- (i) an estrogen synthetase stimulating compound;
- (ii) a 5 alpha-reductase activity inhibiting compound;
- (iii) an exfoliation-promoting compound;
- (iv) an ultraviolet (UV) light protecting/sunscreen agent;
- (v) a retinoid;
- (vi) a hirsutism inhibiting agent;
- (vii) a barrier function enhancing agent;
- (viii) a collagen enhancing agent;
- (ix) an elastase inhibitor;
- (x) a skin lightening agent
- (xi) an antioxidant;
- (xii) a skin cooling agent;
- (xiii) a phytoestrogen; and
- (xiv) mixtures thereof.

17. (Previously presented) The cosmetic composition of claim 7, wherein the vehicle is in a form selected from the group consisting of a solid, solution, essence, serum, pencil, spray, lotion, emulsion, cream, micro-emulsion, gel, ointment, patch, stick and tape.

18. (Previously presented) A method of improving the aesthetic appearance of skin comprising topically applying the cosmetic composition as in claim 7.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the improvement in aesthetic appearance includes at least one of the following:

- a. improving the appearance of skin texture;
- b. decreasing the appearance of fine lines and wrinkles;
- c. improving skin tone;
- d. decreasing the appearance of pore size;
- e. minimizing the appearance of skin discoloration;
- f. restoring skin luster; and
- g. minimizing signs of fatigue.

20. (Original) The method of improving the aesthetic appearance of skin comprising topically applying the cosmetic composition as in claim 16.

21. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 7, wherein the particle size distribution is about 15 microns.

22. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 8, wherein the particle size distribution is about 7 microns.

23. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 7 ~~2~~, wherein the inorganic, substantially spherical particles are selected from the group consisting of silica, boron nitride, ~~talc~~, mica, serecite, and mixtures thereof.

24. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 23, wherein the particle size distribution is about 7 microns.

25. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 23, wherein the particle size distribution is about 2 microns.

26. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 22, wherein the inorganic, substantially spherical particles are spherical ~~selected from the group consisting of silica, boron nitride, talc, mica, serecite, and mixtures thereof.~~

27. (Previous presented) The composition of claim 26, wherein the particle size distribution is about 2 microns.

28. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 9, wherein the inorganic, substantially spherical particles are spherical ~~selected from the group consisting of silica, boron nitride, talc, mica, serecite, and mixtures thereof.~~

29. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 7, wherein the substantially spherical particles are selected from the group consisting of silica, boron nitride, mica, serecite, and mixtures thereof.

30. (Previously presented) The composition of Claim 29, wherein the substantially spherical particles are silica.

31. (New) The composition of Claim 30, wherein the substantially spherical particles are spherical.